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The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in world agriculture and trade.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE

U.S. agricultural export volume for December 1987 totaled 12.8 million tons, up 18 percent from 10.9 million tons exported during December 1986, and 16 percent above November 1987. Volume gains were concentrated in soybean oil (up 408 percent), wheat (up 111 percent), wine (up 40 percent), corn (up 32 percent) and hides and skins (up 6 percent). Wheat, corn and soybean exports accounted for over two-thirds, or 8.9 million tons, of the total export volume in December.

December's export value totaled \$2.96 billion, up 8 percent from December 1986 and up 5 percent from November 1987.

October-December export volume totaled 36.2 million tons, up 3.5 million tons (11 percent) from the same period last year. Export value totaled \$8.5 billion, up \$765 million (10 percent) over year-ago levels. Strong wheat sales to the Soviet Union and China, strong corn sales to the Soviet Union, South Korea and Japan, as well as improved soybean sales to Brazil, strengthened export volume.

Agricultural imports for December totaled \$1.71 billion, down 10 percent from December 1986 and virtually unchanged from November 1987. These figures brought the October-December import total to \$5.21 billion, down \$245 million (4 percent) from a year earlier.

The resulting agricultural trade surplus totaled \$1.25 billion, up \$408 million from last December and \$110 million above November 1987. This marked the first time since February 1985 that the agricultural trade surplus has exceeded \$1 billion two months in a row. The trade surplus during the first quarter of fiscal 1988 totaled \$3.25 billion, \$1 billion over the same period in fiscal 1987.

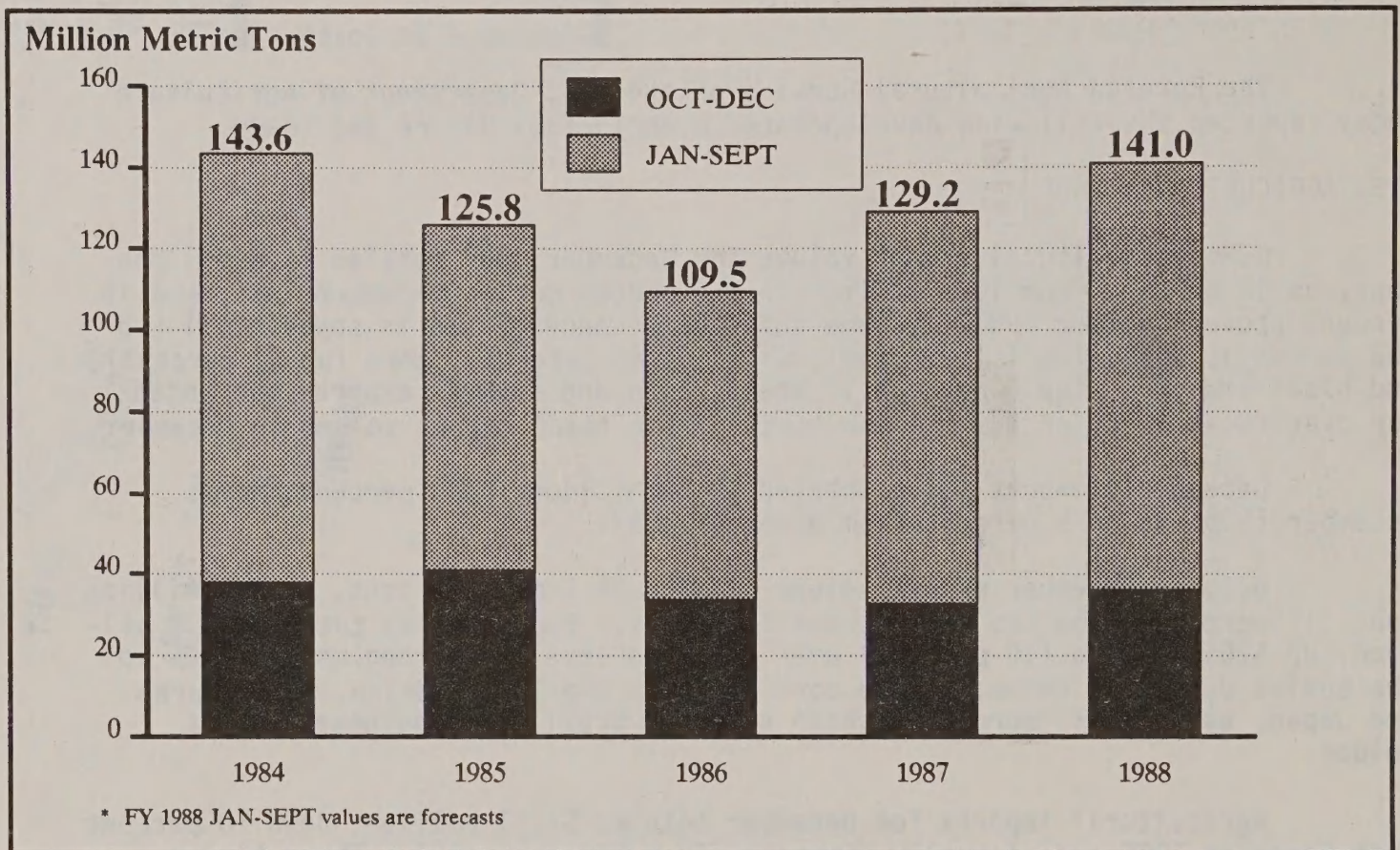
U.S. Agricultural Trade
(Billion dollars)

	-----Fiscal year-----			-----Oct-Dec-----		
	1987	1988	Percent	1987	1988	Percent
	Actual	Forecast	Change	Actual	Actual	Change
Exports	27.9	32.0	+15	7.70	8.46	+10
Imports	20.7	20.5	-1	5.46	5.21	-4
Trade balance	7.2	11.5	---	2.26	3.25	---

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DECEMBER EXPORT VOLUME REACHES 12.8 MMT HIGHEST LEVEL IN THREE YEARS



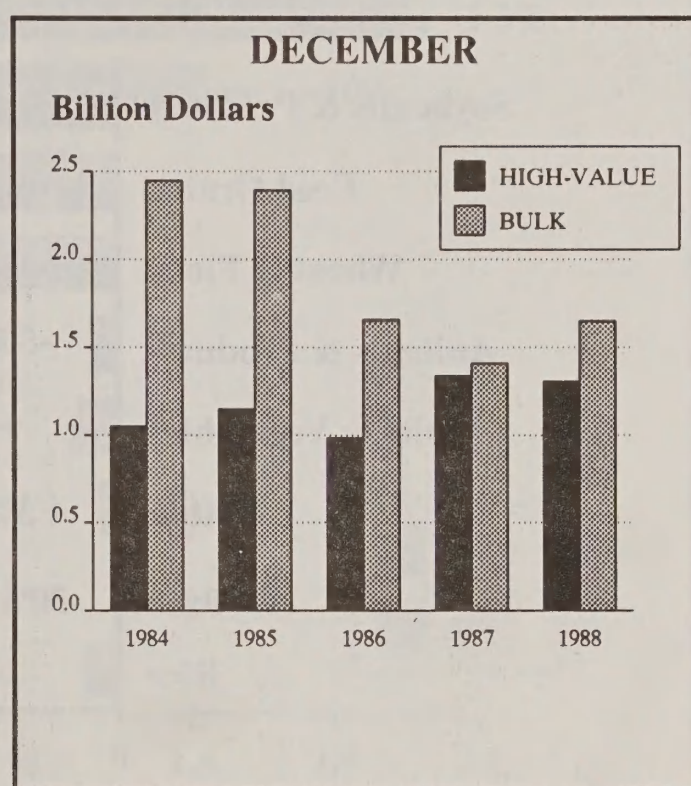
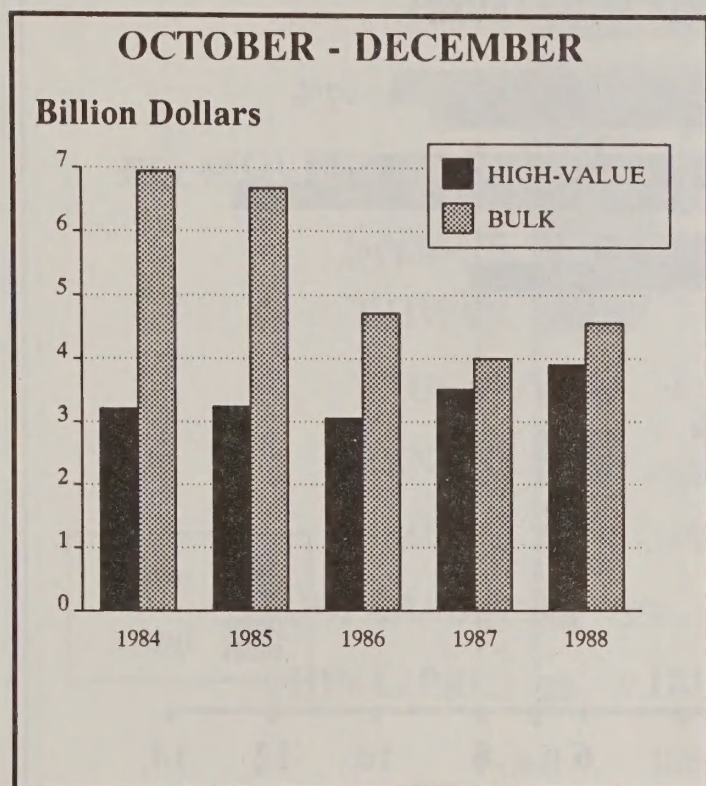
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October-December export volume now totals 36.2 MMT, up 3.5 MMT (11 percent) from the same period last year. Thus far this fiscal year, wheat exports to China (PRC) and the Soviet Union total 1,018,000 tons and 756,000 tons, respectively, compared to ZERO at this time last year. Strong corn sales to the USSR, South Korea, and Japan as well as improved

soybean sales to Brazil, strengthened export volume.

Soviet purchases of several U.S. commodities are up significantly from the October-December period of last year. Several EEP initiatives have helped U.S. exporters gain access to Soviet markets. The USSR is placing emphasis on expanding their livestock sector which has increased demand for corn, soybeans and soybean meal. U.S. corn and soybean exports to the Soviet Union stand at 1,266,149 tons and 150,375 tons, respectively, compared to ZERO during the same period in FY 1987. Adverse harvesting weather apparently reduced the quality of the Soviet wheat crop, as milling quality wheat has accounted for 90 percent of USSR's wheat imports so far this year.

STRONG SOYBEAN OIL, ALMOND & RED MEAT EXPORTS --- WHEAT FORECAST RAISED TO 42 MMT



High-value exports for December were valued at \$1.31 billion, down 2 percent from December of last year and down 4 percent from November 1987. However, for the first quarter of FY 1988, high-value exports rose 6 percent from the first quarter of FY 1987, totaling \$3.9 billion.

Three commodities accounted for half of the fiscal year increase in exports of high-value products. *Soybean oil* exports are up 127 percent--standing at \$72 million (169,000 tons)--over the same period last year. Increased exports to Pakistan accounted for 98 percent of the overall increase as continued soybean oil purchases were made under an existing GSM-102 agreement. Also, due to drought reduced production in India, increased soybean oil exports to India are expected to take place in the next few months. *Almond* exports are up 38 percent and back to normal levels following a poor U.S. crop last

year. Most of the increase in almond sales went to Western Europe and Japan. *Red meat* exports have also increased 19 percent to \$415 million for the fiscal year-to-date. CCC sales under the 1985 Farm Bill's *Dairy Termination Program* accounted for an increase in red meat exports to Mexico. In addition, Japan raised their beef quota, which allowed U.S. exports to increase by 30 percent in that market.

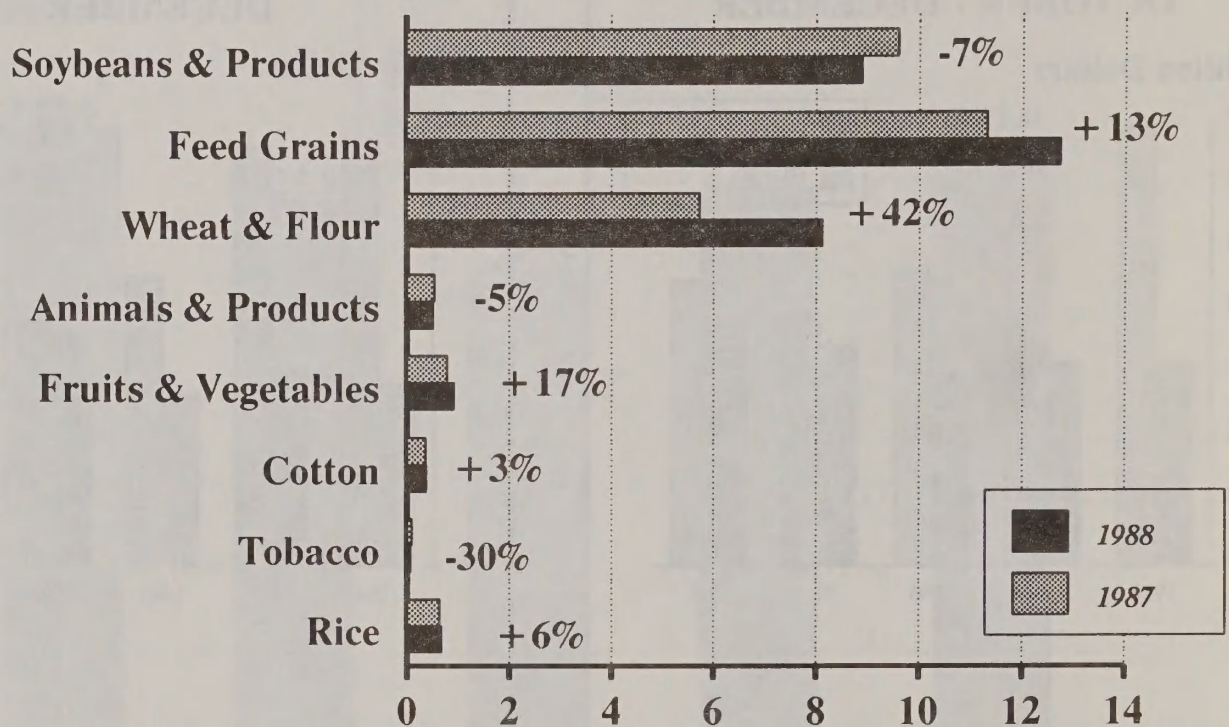
In December, **bulk agricultural sales**⁽¹⁾ totaled \$1.65 billion, a gain of 17 percent over December 1986. October-December bulk exports were also up 14 percent over the same period last year. USDA's February 9 WASDE raised the U.S. *wheat* export forecast by 7 percent to 42 MMT because of strong sales to date and new EEP initiatives, particularly to the USSR and China. U.S. wheat exports totaled only 27 MMT in MY 1987.

⁽¹⁾ Bulk commodities are: wheat, rice, coarse grains, soybeans, other unprocessed oilseeds, cotton and tobacco. All other agricultural exports are classified as high-value products.

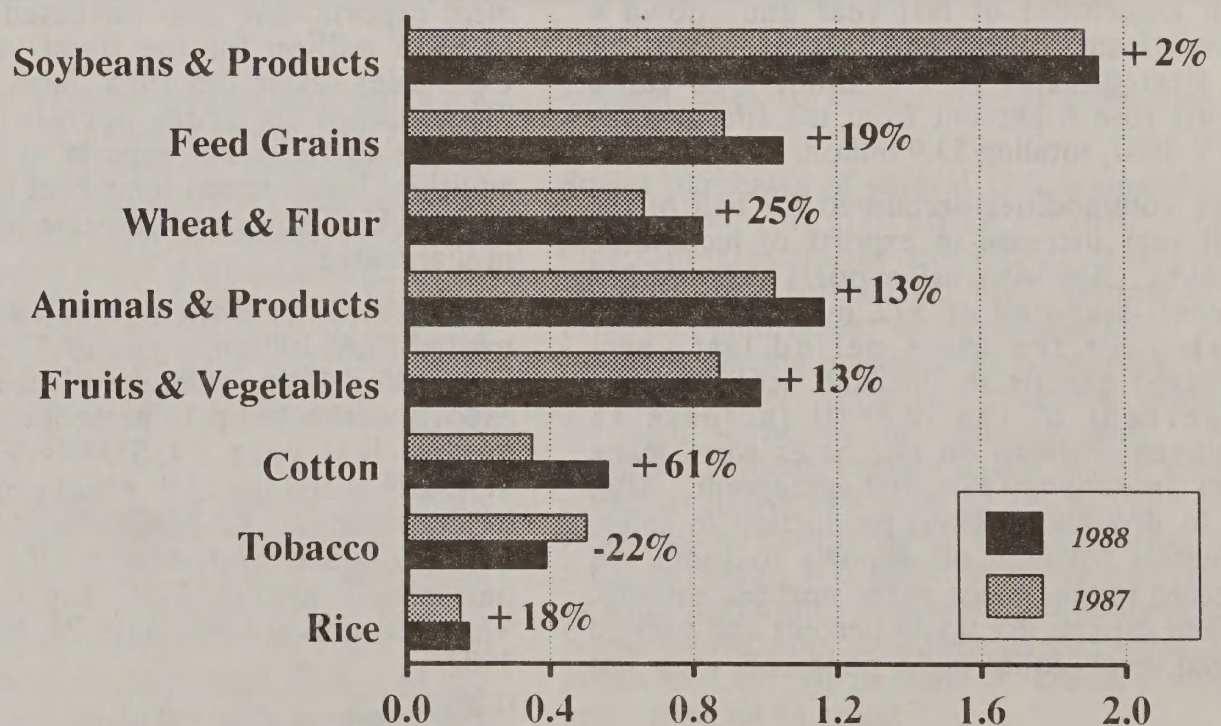
U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS BY COMMODITY

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

VOLUME (MILLION METRIC TONS)

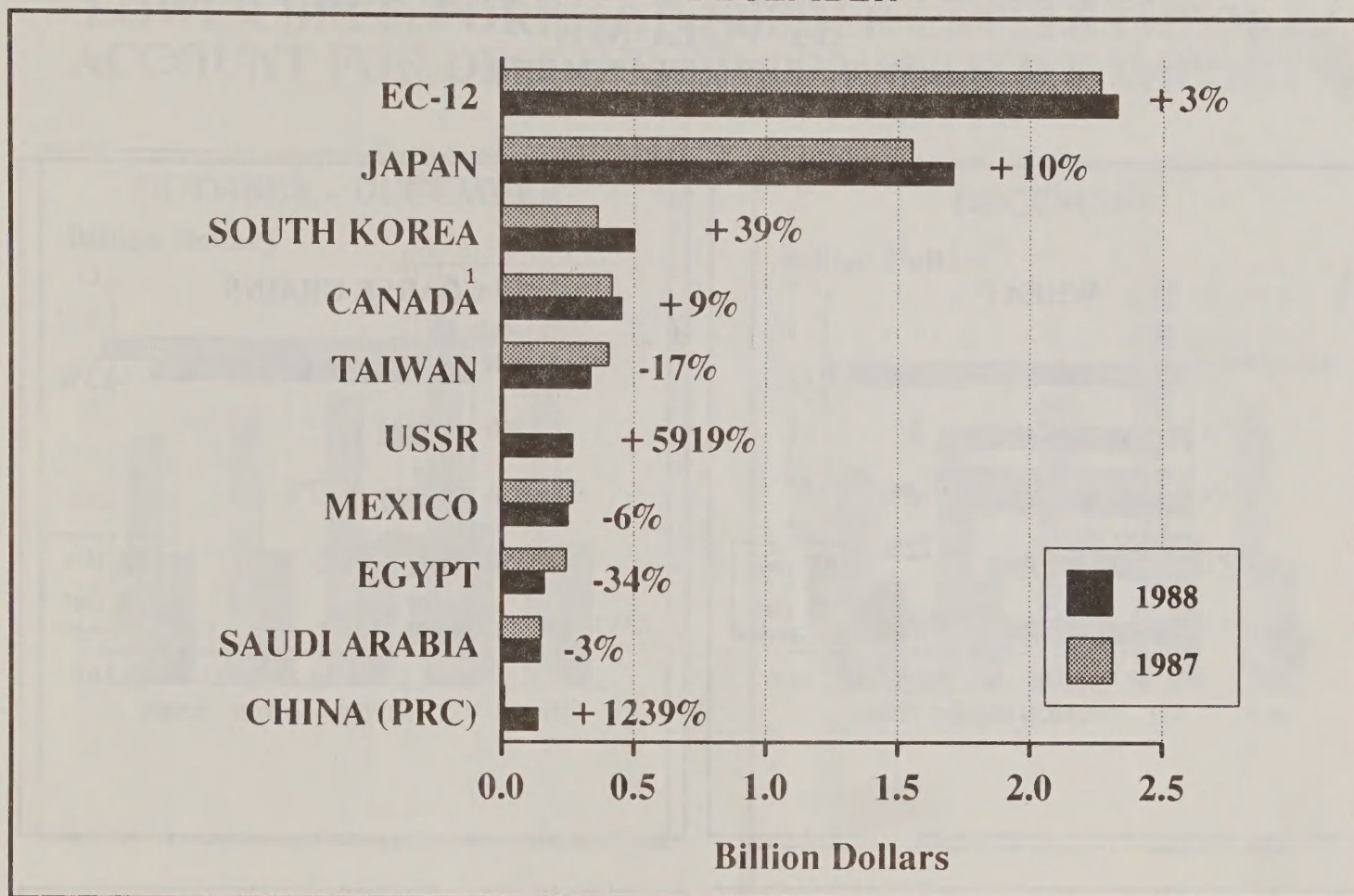


VALUE (BILLION DOLLARS)



* Percentages are computed as the change from FY 1987 To FY 1988.

TOP 10 MARKETS FOR U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS OCTOBER - DECEMBER



* Percentages are computed as the change from FY 1987 to FY 1988

1/ U.S. Agricultural exports to Canada are under-reported by about one \$1 billion a year and officially recognized as such by both governments.

Japan has agreed to **partially adhere** to a recent GATT ruling that calls for the removal of quotas on 10 agricultural products. Japan will not remove quotas on starch and miscellaneous dairy products from the list of 10, but is expected to compensate the United States for this action. While Japan's decision to abide by the GATT ruling is viewed as a success by GATT and the United States, the impact on future U.S. exports of these products to Japan is difficult to predict. GATT did not declare quotas for peanuts and dried beans as illegal.

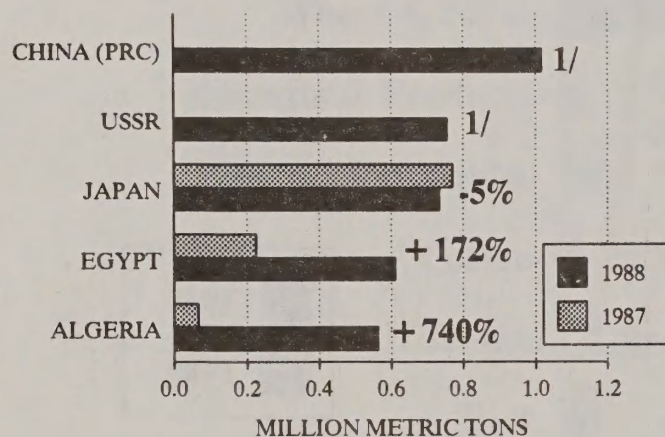
Japan plans to begin **testing pork** imports from the U.S. for sulfamethazine residues. The Japanese do not allow sulfamethazine residues in meat products. It is believed that a small percentage of U.S. pork production contains these residues, and may possibly be denied entry into Japan, pending further study. This is an important issue due to the fact that U.S. pork exports to Japan totaled \$75 million and

accounted for 54 percent of all U.S. pork and pork product exports in FY 1987.

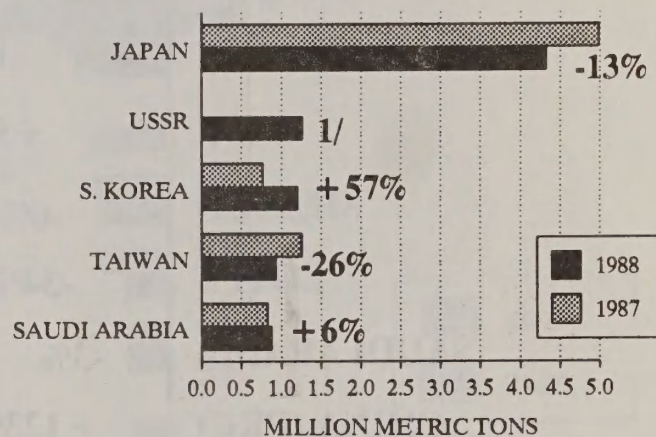
Taiwan's legislature *reversed* the executive's proposal for further *reductions in import tariffs*. Tariffs that had been temporarily reduced in April 1987 were increased from 25 percent to 50 percent for sunflowerseed; from 20 to 40 percent for sunflowerseed oil; and from 7.5 to 8 percent for soybean oil. Soybean tariffs were left unchanged at 3.5 percent. In a related development, Taiwan will *liberalize soybean and corn imports*. At present, government committees manage commodity trading. However, beginning in July, the government will allow the private sector to trade in soybeans and corn. In FY 1987, Taiwan imported nearly 2 MMT of U.S. soybeans and over 3 MMT of U.S. corn.

TOP FIVE MARKETS FOR U.S. EXPORTS BY VOLUME OCTOBER - DECEMBER

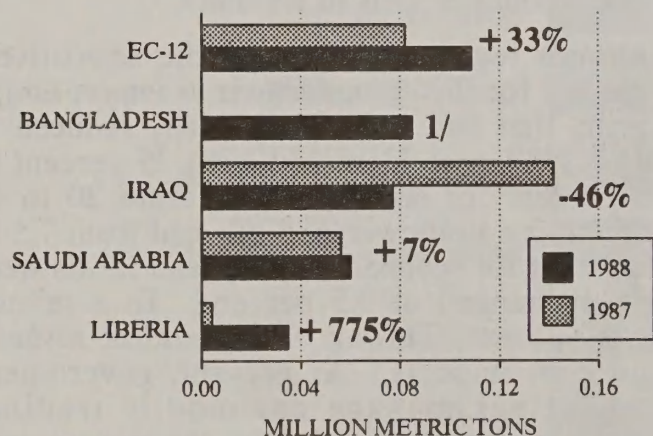
WHEAT



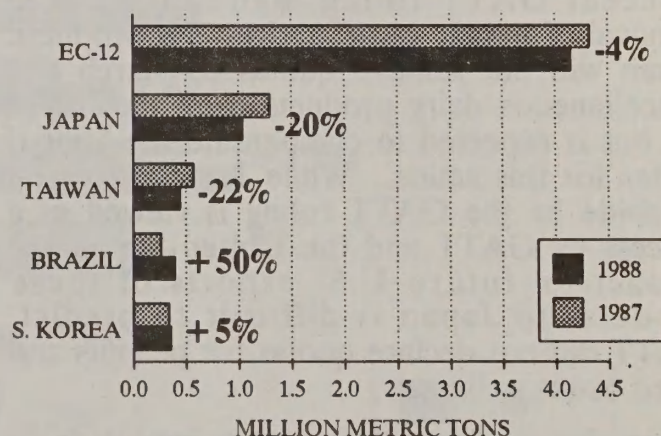
COARSE GRAINS



RICE

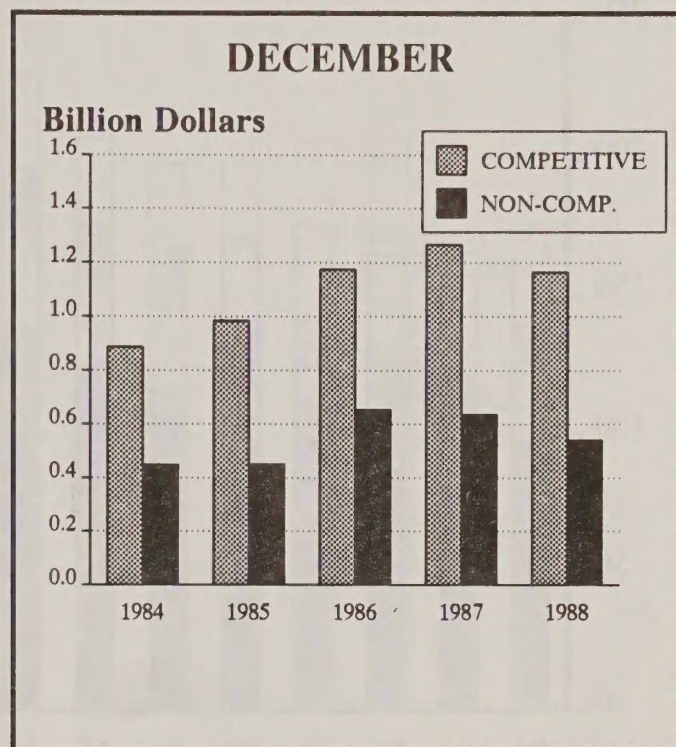
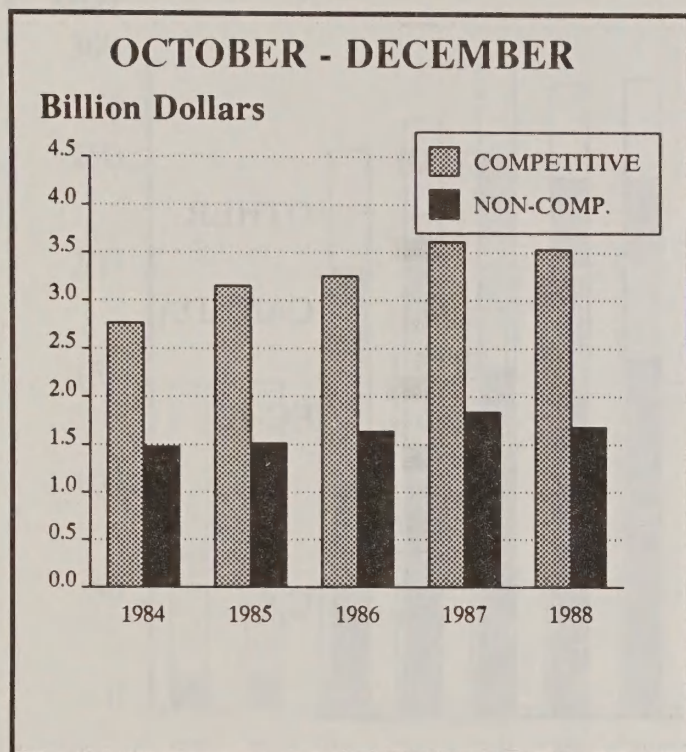


SOYBEANS



* Percentages are computed as the change from FY 1987 To FY 1988
1/ No exports reported during comparable period last year

LOWER BEEF, PORK AND FEEDER CATTLE IMPORTS ACCOUNT FOR DECLINE OF COMPETITIVE IMPORTS



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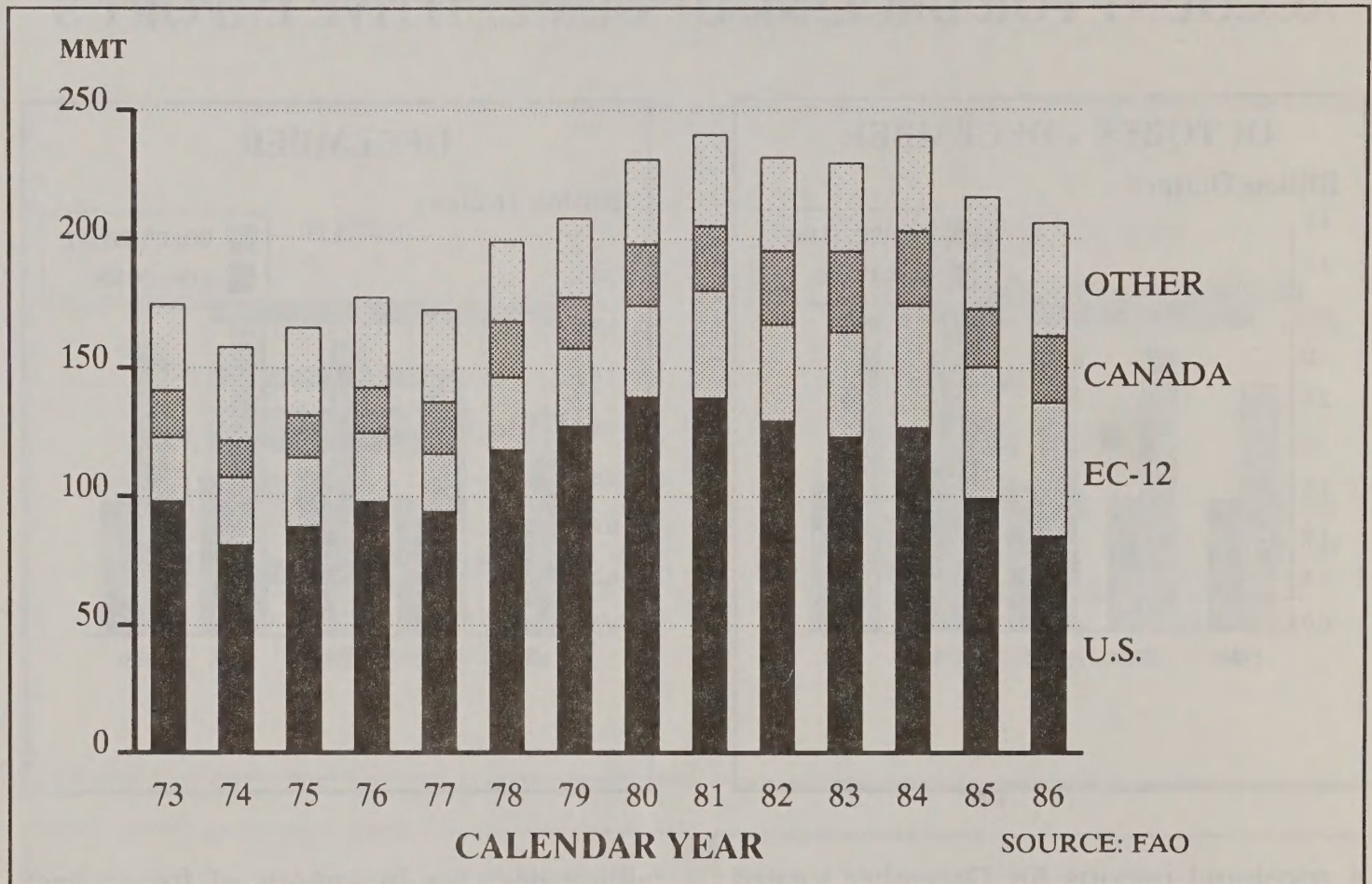
December's agricultural imports of competitive products were valued at \$1.16 billion, down \$103 million (8 percent) from December of last year. This brings FY 1988 competitive imports to date to \$3.53 billion, down 2 percent from the same period last year. Most of the decrease is due to a drop in meat and live cattle imports. The specific declines are: (1) decrease of beef & veal imports by 4%, attributed mostly to a \$26

million decrease in imports of frozen beef from Australia, (2) pork imports from EC-12 are down \$24 million, and (3) \$59 million decline in imports of yearling feeder cattle.

Agricultural imports of non-competitive products (1/) totaled \$541 million in December, down 15 percent from December 1986. To date, noncompetitive imports total \$1.68 billion, down 9 percent from last year. This decline is still largely attributed to the low world price of coffee, since import volume is up 9 percent and import value of coffee is down 34 percent October-December. Tea imports from major U.S. suppliers (Kenya, Indonesia, and India) are also down 24 percent compared with last year.

(1/) Noncompetitive imports are those which do not compete with U.S. production and include: bananas and plantains, coffee (incl. processed), cocoa (incl. processed), rubber and allied gums, spices, and tea.

WORLD BULK TRADE DECLINES THROUGH 1986-- AND U.S. BULK EXPORTS FOLLOW



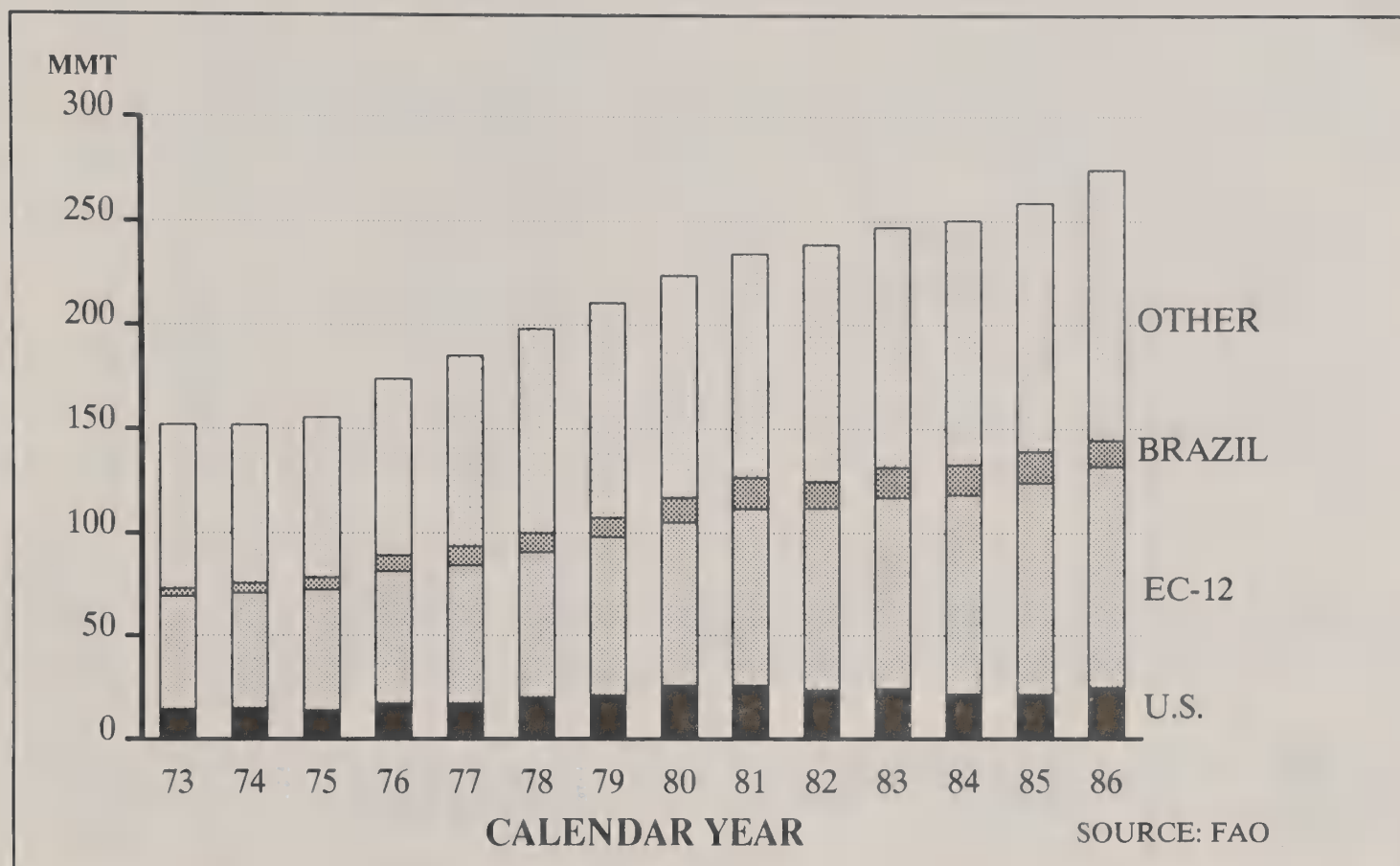
Computer analysis of recently released F.A.O. trade data reveals world trade in **bulk agricultural products** totaled 246 MMT in CY 1986, *down 18 MMT (7%)* from 1985. During 1980-86, world trade in bulk products declined an average of 2 MMT a year. This is in sharp contrast to growth in world trade of high-value products which grew by more than 8 MMT a year during the same period. In 1986, the volume of high-value trade exceeded that of bulk trade for the first time.

With a shrinking world market for bulk commodities, the battle to maintain market share among major exporters is keen. During 1980-86, it appears the principal loser in this battle was the United States. While the U.S. remained the leading exporter of bulk agricultural products in 1986, its market share

declined from a high of 54 percent in 1979 to 35 percent in 1986. Exporters picking up share during this period included the EC-12, Australia, China, Canada and Thailand.

U.S. bulk exports turned around in 1987 and *strong exports are forecast* to continue through 1988. This turn around can be attributed in large part to the success of EEP, lower loan rates, tighter world supplies, and a falling dollar. In world wheat trade, the U.S. market share is projected to climb from 26 percent in marketing year (MY) 1986 to 37 percent in MY 1988. In fact, over the same period, the U.S.' market share in several commodities rose as follows: rice (15 to 25 percent), coarse grains (38 to 52 percent), and cotton (10 to 29 percent).

VOLUME OF WORLD HIGH-VALUE TRADE INCREASES RAPIDLY AS EC-12 CAPTURES LARGER SHARE



Major competitors in the bulk product export market and their respective shares in 1986 were: EC-12 (21%), Canada (11%), Australia (9%) and Argentina (7%). EC-12 bulk exports have been rising by almost 3 MMT a year over the 1980-86 period--aided by generous export restitutions. Australia and Argentina have also been expanding their bulk commodity exports by 6 percent and 5 percent a year, respectively, over the same period. The most dramatic growth, however, comes from *China (PRC)* where exports rose by 1.6 MMT, or 40 percent, a year during 1980-86. China now stands as a significant exporter of bulk commodities, namely corn and cotton, exporting 10 MMT in CY 1986. In spite of this, China remains an importer of bulk commodities due in large part to transportation inefficiencies in moving grain

from major producing areas to consuming areas.

The largest importers of bulk products are developed countries accounting for 40 percent of world imports, followed closely by the LDCs (38 percent) and centrally planned economies (22 percent). The largest individual bulk importers in CY 1986 were: EC-12 (52 MMT), Japan (35 MMT), USSR (28 MMT) and Egypt (9 MMT). The fastest growing markets and their average annual growth (both in tonnage and percent) during the 1980-86 period were: Japan--up an average of 714,000 tons a year, or 2%; Egypt--up 511,000 tons a year; or 7%; Taiwan--up 251,000 tons a year, or 4%; Saudi Arabia--up 331,000 tons a year, or 7%;

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
OCTOBER 1986 - DECEMBER 1987

COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE				CURRENT MONTH (DECEMBER)							
		QUANTITY	VALUE	%		QUANTITY	VALUE	%					
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GRAINS AND FEEDS													
WHEAT & WHEAT FLOUR	MT	5681,102	8077,533	+42	655,040	817,055	+25	1597,794	3172,012	+99	184,586	321,252	+74
WHEAT	MT	5382,917	7790,340	+45	614,307	780,120	+27	1465,207	3086,293	+111	165,760	310,936	+88
WHEAT FLOUR	MT	298,185	287,193	-4	40,733	36,935	-9	132,587	85,719	-35	18,826	10,316	-45
RICE	MT	631,377	671,222	+6	147,631	173,487	+18	163,017	159,010	-2	40,373	54,153	+34
COARSE GRAINS	MT	11273,252	12679,351	+12	871,360	1035,997	+19	3720,343	4640,746	+25	291,452	389,238	+34
CORN	MT	8892,245	10360,217	+17	685,546	847,102	+24	2860,310	3757,228	+31	222,443	316,731	+42
GRAIN SORGHUM	MT	1361,853	1228,941	-10	98,251	96,453	-2	518,797	544,136	+5	39,164	43,466	+11
BARLEY	MT	1010,120	1088,012	+8	86,434	92,198	+7	340,220	339,282	--	29,729	29,022	-2
OATS	MT	3,150	1,546	-51	579	182	-69	251	82	-67	41	17	-58
RYE	MT	5,884	635	-89	550	62	-89	765	18	-98	75	2	-98
FEEDS & FODDERS 1/...	MT	2390,204	2708,001	+13	370,348	374,831	+1	979,738	1003,549	+2	150,557	138,322	-8
PULSES	MT	233,747	138,595	-41	117,991	60,458	-49	96,690	41,956	-57	48,337	18,683	-61
BEANS, DRIED	MT	194,567	101,139	-48	101,890	49,102	-52	84,090	30,598	-64	43,087	15,235	-65
PEAS, DRIED	MT	24,905	27,966	+12	8,037	7,126	-11	7,626	8,858	+16	2,353	2,267	-4
LENTILS, ETC., DRI	MT	14,275	9,490	-34	8,064	4,230	-48	4,974	2,500	-50	2,897	1,181	-59
OTHER	XXX				77,078	84,427	+10				26,836	29,118	+9
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TOTAL	XXX	20,209,682	24,274,702	+20	2,239,447	2,546,256	+14	6557,582	9017,273	+38	742,141	950,766	+28
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OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS													
TOTAL OILSEEDS	MT	7749,188	7591,924	-2	1,542,827	1,634,798	+6	2552,923	2146,998	-16	508,699	477,941	-6
SOYBEANS	MT	7490,880	7422,054	-1	1,433,636	1,549,403	+8	2420,975	2086,544	-14	465,303	452,949	-3
SUNFLOWER SEED	MT	125,746	65,444	-48	30,361	18,752	-38	102,379	36,674	-64	22,134	10,052	-55
PEANUTS	MT	82,457	78,928	-4	68,929	59,634	-13	23,259	16,974	-27	19,919	13,525	-32
OTHER OILSEEDS	MT	50,105	25,498	-49	9,901	7,009	-29	6,310	6,806	+8	1,343	1,415	+5
SOYBEAN MEAL	MT	2023,307	1290,343	-36	410,440	290,415	-29	805,414	591,731	-27	159,939	135,125	-16
OTHER MEAL	MT	38,545	55,700	+45	6,003	7,244	+21	20,057	18,333	-9	2,887	2,556	-11
TOTAL VEG. OILS	MT	199,824	383,476	+92	99,011	180,812	+83	88,055	130,323	+63	41,229	58,780	+43
SOYBEAN OIL	MT	77,750	169,250	+118	31,942	72,459	+127	11,723	60,804	+419	5,480	25,461	+365
SUNFLOWER OIL	MT	44,880	93,413	+108	18,659	38,263	+105	28,444	30,079	+6	11,502	11,484	-1
COTTONSEED OIL	MT	25,384	37,548	+48	12,744	17,161	+35	11,662	14,877	+28	5,936	6,564	+11
OTHER VEG. OILS	MT	51,810	83,265	+61	35,666	52,929	+48	28,226	24,563	-13	18,311	15,271	-17
OTHER	XXX				27,519	38,282	+39				9,271	13,129	+42
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TOTAL	XXX	10,010,864	9,321,443	-7	2,085,801	2,151,551	+3	3458,449	2887,385	+38	722,025	687,532	-5
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SEEDS													
SEEDS	MT	83,209	76,584	-8	120,061	132,557	+10	30,895	38,097	+23	52,109	58,350	+12
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COTTON & LINTERS													
RAW COTTON 2/...	STB	1661,997	1702,670	+2	348,652	560,113	+61	748,905	720,959	-4	162,196	244,048	+50
LINTERS 2/...	STB	19,563	32,398	+66	1,570	2,331	+48	10,777	13,309	+23	833	967	+16
SILK	STB	60	64	+7	75	92	+22	14	-100	-100	2	-100	-100
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TOTAL	STB	1681,620	1735,131	+3	350,297	562,536	+61	759,695	734,268	-3	163,031	245,015	+50

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TOBACCO UNMFG.													
BURLEY.....	MT :	7,896		-46	41,129		-49	3,845		-47	16,777		-45
FLUE-CURED.....	MT :	67,893		-27	411,370		-22	36,939		-34	226,469		-28
FIRE-SUN CURED.....	MT :	3,933		-40	18,554		-43	1,194		-85	5,561		-87
MARYLAND.....	MT :	416		+59	2,373		+74	182		-59	838		-52
CIGAR.....	MT :	254		+15	6,282		+17	102		+19	2,936		+11
OTHER LEAF.....	MT :	651		-1	5,412		-13	325		-38	2,558		-27
STEMS.....	MT :	14,895		-40	18,490		+19	8,172		-69	5,994		-1
TOTAL.....	MT :	95,939		-30	503,609		-22	50,758		-42	261,132		-30
POULTRY PRODUCTS													
MEAT.....	MT :	80,901		+6	88,734		-1	32,173		-13	36,032		-22
BROILER.....	MT :	4,438		+37	5,646		+11	2,029		+13	2,240		-8
TURKEY.....	MT :	1,634		-45	1,791		-32	736		-37	793		-37
OTHER POULTRY MEAT.....	DOZ :	6,948		+250	10,309		+87	2,369		+284	3,152		+99
EGGS.....	MT :	4,910		-1	10,516		-4	1,643		+27	3,310		+21
EGG PRODUCTS.....	XXX :				32,678		--				9,886		+25
OTHER.....	XXX :												
TOTAL.....	XXX :				149,673		+5				55,411		-4
DAIRY PRODUCTS													
NON-FAT DRY MILK.....	MT :	95,156		-37	60,613		-35	23,772		-55	14,609		-48
CHEESE.....	MT :	4,425		+56	7,727		+50	1,098		--	2,315		+14
BUTTER.....	MT :	2,425		-6	4,360		-44	603		+176	809		+119
OTHER.....	XXX :				42,889		+30				12,096		+30
TOTAL.....	XXX :				115,589		-6				29,829		-7
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.													
MEAT.....	MT :	151,725		-11	328,110		+17	52,921		-17	116,681		-4
BEEF.....	MT :	71,981		-13	205,959		+18	25,879		-30	75,348		-11
PORK.....	MT :	8,892		+56	29,579		+81	3,418		+31	11,195		+39
VARIETY.....	MT :	70,852		-17	92,572		-7	23,624		-11	30,138		-4
TALLOW.....	MT :	303,733		-6	91,379		+9	122,700		+11	37,522		+27
LARD.....	MT :	12,569		+13	6,142		+8	5,380		+6	2,682		--
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO :	35,858		+24	44,547		+23	12,719		+4	12,247		+5
CATTLE HIDES.....	XXX :				299,553		+17				103,717		+17
FURSkins.....	NO :	2652,992		-6	42,539		+4	1413,585		-17	25,818		-11
OTHER.....	XXX :				231,938		+7				87,251		-21
TOTAL.....	XXX :				1,027,948		+13				385,918		+1

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HORTICULTURAL PROD.													
TREE NUTS.....	MT :	83,636	112,693	+35	251,189	294,374	+17	13,688	19,901	+45	57,368	60,165	+5
FRUIT.....	:				344,317	359,374	+4				106,035	109,705	+3
FRESH, CITRUS.....	MT :	183,031	177,106	-3	101,014	99,580	-1	56,668	61,887	+9	30,469	33,395	+10
FRESH, NON-CITRUS.....	MT :	167,865	205,698	+23	121,527	125,544	+3	57,202	61,458	+7	39,448	35,633	-10
CANNED.....	MT :	19,721	23,451	+19	20,262	24,711	+22	5,627	5,682	+1	5,800	5,644	-3
DRIED.....	MT :	44,423	44,939	+1	64,317	70,902	+10	11,744	13,768	+17	16,988	20,974	+23
JUICES.....	GAL :	23,832	21,689	-9	37,197	38,637	+4	8,782	7,895	-10	13,330	14,059	+5
VEGETABLES,FRESH.....	MT :	130,163	178,983	+38	58,989	76,305	+29	45,961	80,721	+76	20,874	33,060	+58
VEG., PREP., PRES.....	MT :	103,515	121,809	+18	89,282	100,681	+13	35,069	42,251	+20	29,705	34,479	+16
OTHER.....	XXX :				131,008	156,579	+20				45,464	51,176	+13
TOTAL.....	XXX :				874,785	987,314	+13				259,446	288,585	+11
SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.													
SUGAR & SWEETENERS.....	XXX :				48,289	51,092	+6				19,299	16,905	-12
COFFEE.....	MT :	3,635	3,883	+7	25,510	23,204	-9	897	788	-12	7,480	5,715	-24
FLAVORING SYRUPS.....	XXX :				50,126	54,248	+8				18,008	14,829	-18
OTHER.....	XXX :				104,173	128,234	+23				32,890	37,732	+15
TOTAL.....	XXX :				228,099	256,777	+13				77,678	75,182	-3
GRAND TOTAL.....													
	XXX :				7,695,309	8,460,071	+10				2748,721	2958,589	+8

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GRAINS AND FEEDS													
WHEAT & PRODUCTS.....	MT	198,944	173,297	-13	142,105	148,602	+5	79,071	52,135	-34	42,495	39,878	-6
BARLEY & MALT.....	MT	33,816	77,256	+128	4,116	7,795	+89	6,352	28,518	+349	918	2,820	+207
OTH COARSE GRAINS 1/.....	MT	160,565	176,269	+10	15,291	18,525	+21	74,415	53,204	-29	6,526	6,254	-4
PULSES.....	MT	8,989	10,275	+14	5,342	4,671	-13	2,715	2,754	+	1,747	1,416	-19
OTHER.....	XXX				109,251	91,911	-16				28,421	35,517	+25
TOTAL.....	XXX				276,105	271,504	-2				80,107	85,887	+7
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS													
OILSEEDS.....	MT	25,591	37,304	+46	10,879	13,491	+24	7,463	11,866	+59	4,095	5,194	+27
COCONUT OIL.....	MT	134,047	147,544	+10	31,250	64,214	+105	35,712	31,127	-3	7,905	13,935	+76
PALM OIL.....	MT	81,170	54,084	-33	18,840	17,544	-7	28,214	15,802	-44	5,814	5,283	-9
OTHER VEG. OILS.....	MT	115,795	128,570	+11	61,785	86,789	+40	63,778	35,641	-44	28,487	27,625	-3
OTHER.....	MT	63,047	77,544	+23	16,103	21,845	+36	27,901	29,494	+6	7,029	8,215	+17
TOTAL.....	MT	419,650	445,047	+6	138,857	203,884	+47	163,068	123,930	-24	53,331	60,253	+13
SEEDS.....													
.....	MT	18,059	15,180	-16	35,222	33,939	-4	7,920	6,645	-16	15,445	11,640	-25
COTTON, LINTERS, SILK.....													
.....	MT	7,202	12,820	+78	3,536	4,979	+41	2,745	3,190	+16	1,357	2,065	+52
TOBACCO UNMFG.													
CIGARETTE LEAF.....	MT	43,938	43,247	-2	143,029	133,455	-7	11,804	12,410	+5	39,287	39,792	+1
CIGAR LEAF.....	MT	1,376	2,643	+92	4,318	8,145	+89	675	883	+31	1,641	2,399	+46
SCRAP & STEMS.....	MT	8,352	7,834	-6	9,048	8,115	-10	1,876	1,848	-2	2,316	2,006	-13
TOTAL.....	MT	53,666	53,724	---	156,396	149,715	-4	14,355	15,140	+5	43,244	44,197	+2
POULTRY PRODUCTS													
FEATHERS & DOWN.....	MT	2,665	2,644	-1	16,189	18,880	+17	1,448	950	-34	7,315	6,634	-9
POULTRY MEAT.....	MT	1,352	1,231	-9	5,313	4,607	-13	333	160	-52	1,622	864	-47
EGGS & PRODUCTS.....	XXX				4,174	3,776	-10				1,693	1,307	-23
OTHER.....	XXX				2,904	2,570	-12				840	900	+17
TOTAL.....	XXX				28,580	29,832	+4				11,470	9,705	-15

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DAIRY PRODUCTS									
CHEESE, QUOTA.....	MT :	37,570	107,818	-17	-11	13,417	96,413	-42	-38
CHEESE, NON-QUOTA....	MT :	7,651	29,205	+8	+15	2,860	33,705	+11	+19
CASEIN.....	MT :	29,329	58,233	-3	+22	10,228	71,274	+30	+59
OTHER.....	XXX:		4,327		+12		4,837		+14
TOTAL.....	XXX:		199,583		+3		206,229		+3
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.									
WOOL.....	MT :	11,354	42,351	-3	+44	4,882	60,804	-16	+39
MEAT.....	MT :	300,112	660,895	-11	-5	91,413	625,535	-23	-21
BEEF AND VEAL.....	MT :	170,097	324,089	-19	-4	48,934	311,553	-37	-26
PORK.....	MT :	118,672	310,417	-1	-9	38,301	281,527	-5	-8
OTHER (EDIBLE).....	MT :	11,343	26,389	+8	+23	4,178	32,455	-22	-8
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO :	590,266	171,695	-40	-23	346,923	131,497	-10	+11
OTHER LIVESTOCK.....	NO :	139,757	130,768	-6	-54	58,289	32,769	-4	-14
HIDES & SKINS.....	XXX:		14,520		+64		23,781		+64
FURSKINS.....	XXX:		45,724		-29		32,595		-47
OTHER.....	XXX:		51,268		+3		52,898		-8
TOTAL.....	XXX:		1,058,263		-9		959,880		-10
HORTICULTURAL PROD.									
FRUIT.....	MT :	878,379	571,977	---	+3	310,615	586,493	-4	-9
FRESH.....	MT :	121,784	243,384	-11	+6	42,635	258,918	-23	+6
PREP. & PRES.....	MT :	1110,122	112,629	-20	-4	421,245	108,143	-39	-17
JUICES.....	LIT:	329,808	215,964	+14	+2	134,817	219,432	+24	-22
VEGETABLES, FR/FZ....	MT :	130,908	135,830	+1	+17	51,122	159,453	-20	+36
VEG. PREP. PRES.....	MT :		115,290		---		114,988		-20
TREE NUTS.....	XXX:		109,669		+4		113,671		+5
WINE.....	LIT:	120,632	336,155	-14	+3	36,357	346,614	-27	-4
OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEV..	LIT:	260,240	199,121	+10	+15	82,064	228,086	+12	+15
NURSERY PRODUCTS.....	XXX:		94,341		+7		100,792		-1
OTHER.....	XXX:		102,147		---		102,430		+1
TOTAL.....	XXX:		1,664,531		+5		1,752,528		+1

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SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.									
SUGAR, RAW & REFINED:	MT	573,267	199,227	-54	-58	261,204	62,488	-76	87,936 17,057 -81
SWEETENERS.....	MT	281,574	73,118	-25	-21	97,621	41,341	-58	22,553 14,833 -34
COCOA & PRODUCTS.....	MT	117,044	262,146	+46	+40	43,106	70,949	+65	95,347 154,621 +62
COFFEE.....	MT	280,859	1,012,858	+9	-32	96,132	66,829	-30	340,576 166,986 -51
ESSENTIAL OILS.....	MT	2,793	29,706	+6	+1	1,090	1,066	-2	9,865 11,950 +21
TEA.....	MT	20,671	32,245	-13	-24	7,141	5,207	-27	10,892 6,875 -37
SPICES.....	MT	40,980	82,386	-6	+10	13,931	13,672	-2	32,983 30,751 -7
FIBERS.....	MT	14,413	8,392	+17	+6	4,932	7,582	+54	3,559 3,387 -5
RUBBER & ALLIED GUMS:	MT	195,038	158,740	+4	+29	65,929	80,388	+22	55,460 83,103 +50
OTHER.....	XXX		37,295		+8				13,489 16,634 +23
TOTAL.....	XXX		1,896,113		-16				672,659 506,197 -25
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX		5,457,187		-5				1904,086 1705,519 -10

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